the establishment of a home for mental defectives in Madras, the starting of mental clinics and the treatment of borderline cases of mental disorder in the important hospitals are being worked out.

(c) In the Madras Mental Hospital convalescent cases and epileptics are as far as possible separated from acute and chronic cases and lodged in separate blocks. In Calicut, epileptic cases are accommodated in single rooms as far as possible and recovering cases in general wards. There are two padded cells for epileptic cases in the Waltair Mental Hospital. There is considerable room for improvement of the arrangements in all the institutions and this is kept in view in working out proposals for additional buildings.

(d) The delay was due to the Sanitary Engineer not having sufficient outdoor staff to prepare the scheme. Plans and estimates have since been prepared and are under consideration.

(e) The information is furnished below :—

	Daily average strength up to the end of July 1928.	Accommodation available.	Highest number accommodated on any one day.
Europeans ...	150·66	151	151
Indians	690·07	577	698

(f) The differentiation in regard to the extent of accommodation provided in the building for European and Indian patients has been in existence ever since the hospital was instituted, but the additions which have been agreed to or are under contemplation will considerably increase the provision of accommodation for Indian patients.

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Sinking of wells in Kurnool district.

637 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) what arrangements have been made for the district of Kurnool to find out the suitability of sites for sinking wells ;

(b) whether any arrangements have been made with the Industries department to enable presidents of taluk boards to requisition the aid of the boring establishments to find out by test borings if water would be available at the sites pitched upon ;

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, what those arrangements are ; and

(d) if the answer to (b) is in the negative, whether the Government will consider the advisability of making suitable arrangements ?

A.—(a) The Government have no information. Under existing orders the health inspectors should inspect all sites selected for the sinking of new wells and should approve of them. Only cases of special difficulty are referred to the District Health Officer.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise.

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(*d*) The Government have recently examined the question of the help to be rendered to local bodies in connexion with the putting down of borings for the improvement of drinking water-supply and a copy of the orders [a] issued on the subject is laid on the table.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know from the hon. Minister for Public Health, in view of the fact that drinking water is very scarce in my district . . ."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"That is argumentative."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"The answer to clause (*a*) is that under existing orders the health inspectors should inspect all sites selected for the sinking of new wells and should approve of them. In view of the urgency of the matter, may I ask whether the hon. Minister will ask the district health officer to give him the whole scheme for the drinking water-supply of the district and carry out the experiments through the local boards as early as possible ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"The local boards have to undertake the scheme for the supply of drinking water and no delay will be caused by the health staff."

Repairs to the well at Sindigeri village, Bellary taluk.

*638 *Q.*—Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the one well used for taking drinking water in the village of Sindigeri, Bellary taluk, is in a dilapidated condition and, if so, what action has been taken to repair it ; and

(*b*) whether a bull fell into the well a year ago and, if so, what action was taken to see that such accidents do not recur ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information.

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—"May I know whether the Government made any effort to get this information ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"No."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—"Will they now make some effort ?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"The Government thought that the hon. Member might get the information by addressing the taluk board president. Of course if the hon. Member finds it impossible to get the information that way, the Government will make enquiries and get the information."

Promotion of first-class vaccinators as health inspectors.

*639 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur S. K. ABDUL RAZACK SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many first-class vaccinators were promoted as health inspectors on probation after April last ; and

(*b*) how many of them belong to the several communities ?

A.—(*a*) Twenty-one.

(*b*) Fourteen are Brahmans and seven are non-Brahmans.

[a] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 121–122 infra.